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"AN ACT CONCERNING AIR AND SEAPORT TRADE DEVELOPMENT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 32-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and
7 Community Development.

8 (2) "Public investment communities" shall have the same meaning
9 as "public investment communities", as defined in section 7-545.

10 (3) "Distressed municipality" shall have the same meaning as
11 "distressed municipality", as defined in section 32-9p.

12 (4) "Eligible municipality" means a municipality that is a distressed
13 municipality and a public investment community, has a population of
14 not more than forty thousand, has an unemployment rate that is more
15 than the unemployment rate of the state, and for which the per capita
16 income is less than the per capita income of the state.

17 (5) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment rate of
18 a municipality or the state, as the case may be, as reported by the
19 Labor Commissioner on the preceding July first for the latest available
20 twelve-month period.

21 (6) "Per capita income" means the average per capita income of a
22 municipality or the state, as the case may be, that is enumerated in the
23 most recent (A) federal decennial census of population, or (B) current
24 population report series issued by the United States Department of
25 Commerce, Bureau of the Census available on the preceding January
26 first, whichever is most recent.

27 (b) (1) Before July 1, 2005, the legislative bodies of three or more
28 contiguous municipalities, each of which is a public investment
29 community and has a population of not more than sixty thousand, and
30 at least fifty per cent of which municipalities are located along the
31 same interstate highway, limited access state highway or intersecting
32 interstate or limited access state highways, may, with the approval of
33 the commissioner, designate industrial districts in such municipalities
34 as an enterprise corridor zone. (2) On or after July 1, 2005, the
35 legislative bodies of two or more contiguous eligible municipalities, at
36 least one of which is located along an interstate highway, limited
37 access state highway or intersecting interstate or limited access state
38 highways and is designated as a regional center in the locational guide
39 map included in the state plan of conservation and development
40 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, may, with the approval of the
41 commissioner, designate such municipalities as an enterprise corridor
42 zone. (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this
43 section, on or after July 1, 2007, the legislative bodies of two or more
44 contiguous municipalities, at least one of which has an enterprise

45 corridor zone on the effective date of this section, may designate as
46 part of such existing enterprise corridor zone a tract of land in the
47 municipality that does not have an enterprise corridor zone, provided
48 such tract is zoned for industrial uses, contains a brownfield and is
49 directly adjacent to an industrial district designated as an enterprise
50 corridor zone. Such municipalities shall execute an intermunicipal
51 agreement specifying how they would cooperatively share in the
52 marketing, promotion and development of the industrial districts that
53 would comprise the enterprise corridor zone. A copy of such executed
54 agreement shall be filed with the commissioner.

55 (c) Municipalities seeking the approval of the commissioner for such
56 designation shall execute an intermunicipal agreement specifying how
57 they would cooperatively share in the marketing, promotion and
58 development of the industrial districts that would comprise the
59 enterprise corridor zones, and shall file with the commissioner a
60 preliminary application which includes such executed agreement. Not
61 later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary application, the
62 commissioner shall indicate to the municipalities, in writing, any
63 recommendations for improving the municipalities' application. Not
64 later than sixty days after receipt of the commissioner's written
65 response, the municipalities shall file a final application with the
66 commissioner.

67 (d) The commissioner shall approve the designation of at least two
68 areas as enterprise corridor zones. The commissioner may remove the
69 designation of any area he has approved as an enterprise corridor zone
70 if such area no longer meets the criteria for such designation, provided
71 no such designation shall be removed less than ten years after the date
72 that such area no longer meets such criteria.

73 (e) Businesses located within an enterprise corridor zone shall be
74 entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions, under the
75 general statutes for which businesses located in an enterprise zone
76 qualify.

77 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
78 provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section."